GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Burning of Wastes
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of incidents of burning dry leaves, trash and rubbish are on the rise in metropolitan cities and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether robust garbage disposal system is in place in cities and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the guidelines issued by the National Green Tribunal in April, 2015 banning burning of wastes are not being followed properly and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether monitoring system is strictly adhered to and periodic review made in view of WHO ranking Delhi as the world"s worst city for air pollution and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has established 'Control Room' on 29th December 2015 to receive complaints on burning dry leaves, trash and rubbish and forwarding to concerned agencies for necessary action. Accordingly, 141 complaints on the issue have been received and forwarded to respective agencies for action till date. Out of which 31 complaints were resolved. Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) has reported that there is decrease in the incidents of burning of dry leaves, trash and rubbish in Delhi.

(b) As per the reports of State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees around 1, 40,859 tonnes/day of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) generated in the country. Out of which 1, 27,531 tonnes/day (91%) is collected and 34,434 tonnes/day (27%) is treated. The data indicates that MSW management system in many cities / towns is not adequate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A report was bought out by the World Health Organisation in May, 2016 ranking some cities of India including Delhi among top 20 most polluted cities of the world with respect to levels of particulate matter which is based on extrapolated and estimated values. The said ranking of cities is, therefore, not appropriate. The ambient air quality is being regularly monitored with manual and continuous air quality monitoring systems in National Capital Region (NCR) including Delhi by the CPCB in association with SPCBs of NCR States, DPCC, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute and System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting & Research. Taking note of the gravity of air pollution in NCT of Delhi, a series of measures have been taken including regular review meetings at official and ministerial level with NCR States and NCT of Delhi.

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